

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 118-

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At the end of subtitle G of title V, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 5___.** **OUTREACH TO MEMBERS OF THE ARMED**
2 **FORCES REGARDING POSSIBLE TOXIC EXPO-**
3 **SURE.**

4 (a) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—Not later than 180 days after
5 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of
6 Defense, in consultation with the Secretary of Veterans
7 Affairs, shall establish—

8 (1) a new risk assessment for toxic exposure for
9 members of the Armed Forces assigned to work near
10 burn pits; and

11 (2) an outreach program to inform such mem-
12 bers regarding such toxic exposure. Such program
13 shall include information regarding benefits and sup-
14 port programs furnished by the Secretary (including
15 eligibility requirements and timelines) regarding
16 toxic exposure.

1 (b) PROMOTION.—The Secretary of Defense shall
2 promote the program to members described in subsection
3 (a) by direct mail, email, text messaging, and social media.

4 (c) PUBLICATION.—Not later than one year after the
5 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense
6 shall publish on a website of the Department of Defense
7 a list of resources furnished by the Secretary for—

8 (1) members and veterans who experienced
9 toxic exposure in the course of serving as a member
10 of the Armed Forces;

11 (2) dependents and caregivers of such members
12 and veterans; and

13 (3) survivors of such members and veterans
14 who receive death benefits under laws administered
15 by the Secretary.

16 (d) TOXIC EXPOSURE DEFINED.—In this section, the
17 term “toxic exposure” has the meaning given such term
18 in section 101 of title 38, United States Code.

